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FOR ELIOT, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DELWER MARCY, FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE SOONEST FROM LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE

AT RISK OF REPEATING WHAT MAY HAVE APPEARED IN PRESS REPORTS
(WHICH WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING) HEREWITH SOME ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION AND THOUGHTS:

1. MILITARY SITUATION WILL CERTAINLY GROW PROGRESSIVELY MORE SERIOUS. INITIATIVE LIES WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE. IT GENERALLY CONCEDED NVNA/VC COULD TAKE CAPITAL. MOST OBSERVERS NOW SAYING, HOWEVER, THAT BELIEVE NVNA/VC WILL BY-PASS PHNOM PENH AND OCCUPY ALL OF COUNTRY EAST OF MEKONG, AND PERHAPS OTHER SECTIONS OF COUNTRY, WITH RESULT THAT LON NOL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE.

2. US AND ARVN PRESSURE FROM OPERATIONS IN EASTERN CAMBODIA SEEM BOUND TO WORSEN SITUATION IN CAMBODIA BY FORCING NVNA/VC WESTWARD. NO ONE HERE CREDITS CAMBODIAN ARMY WITH CAPABILITY DEFENDING AGAINST THESE NVNA/VC FORCES.

3. APPEARS TO US THAT ARVN PENETRATIONS OF CAMBODIA MAY WELL GO FAR DEEPER. GVN APPARENTLY PLANS SEND CONVOY OF ARMORED SHIPS UP MEKONG IN NEXT FEW DAYS, AMONG OTHER THINGS TO REMOVE LARGE NUMBERS OF VIETNAMESE LIVING IN CAMBODIA FROM AREAS UNDER NVNA/VC CONTROL FROM WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN EVACUATED. ADDITIONAL US AND ARVN CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS INTO CAMBODIA SEEM LIKELY.

4. ARMS SHIPMENTS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM TO CAMBODIA ARE CON-

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TINUING ALMOST NIGHTLY. AS FAR AS EMBASSY HERE KNOWS, THEY INVOLVE AK-47S, SOME US CARBINES AND AMMUNITION. EMBASSY NOT INFORMED WHAT DECISION, IF ANY, WASHINGTON HAS MADE REGARDING NATURE US MILITARY ASSISTANCE OR SIZE OF FORCE TO BE EQUIPPED. (FOREIGN OBSERVERS HERE GENERALLY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ENOUGH EQUIPMENT COULD BE PUT IN ENOUGH TRAINED HANDS QUICKLY ENOUGH TO GIVE CAMBODIAN ARMY CAPABILITY TO CONTAIN DETERMINED ENEMY PUSH).

6. APPEARS TO US THAT IN ABSENCE OF ANY IMMEDIATE CHANCE OF NEGOTIATION, CAMBODIA FACED WITH PROSPECT OF DE FACTO PARTITION AND OF BECOMING BATTLEFIELD FOUGHT OVER AND OCCUPIED BY FOREIGN TROOPS. GP-4.
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